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IN: 90542

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FOR GEN LEDFORD AND MR CUNNINGHAM FROM

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REF: A.

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1.  IN COORDINATION WITH  HAS PLAYED LOSS OF ARTICLE

25X1A

342 IN LOW KEY WITH NO ADVERSE REACTION FROM  TO

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25X1A  
AS OF SUNDAY NOON 27 FEB. SCHEDULED LOCAL TRAINING WAS CANCELLED

25X1A  
FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARA 2 REF A.

WAS ADVISED THIS WAS A  ACTION PENDING RECEIPT

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OF ACCIDENT INFO TO INSURE THAT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN

THE TWO RECENT LOSSES. AS OF THIS TIME NEITHER  OR

25X1A

25X1A  
HAS ADVISED  THAT A HEADQUARTERS GROUNDING IS IN EFFECT.

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WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN RESUME LOCAL TRAINING AND ULTIMATELY

OPS MISSIONS QUICKER IN THIS MANNER. SO FAR ONLY INFO PASSED

TO  IS THAT:

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(1) 342 WAS LOST ON A REFUELING TRAINING FLIGHT MISSION.

(2) THAT THE PILOT SUCCESSFULLY EJECTED WITH MINIMUM  
SCRATCHES AND BRUISES.

(3) THAT BASED ON LIMITED INFO AVAILABLE [ ] IT APPEARED  
THAT AIRCRAFT WAS OVER-STRESSED AND LOST A WING AS A RESULT  
OF EXCEEDING DESIGNED LIMITS.

2. AS OF NOW THE ABOVE HAS SATISFIED THEIR CURIOSITY  
AND INTEREST AND NOTHING HAS APPEARED IN THE ENGLISH PRESS  
RE THE LOSS OF 342.

3. IN THE INTEREST OF RESUMING [ ] OPERATION I RECOMMEND  
THAT THE HEADQUARTERS GROUNDING BE LIFTED BY MONDAY 28 FEB TO  
PERMIT RESUMPTION OF NORMAL OPERATIONS COMMENCING 1 MARCH.  
THIS RECOMMENDATION PRESUPPOSES THAT INVESTIGATIVE FACTS FROM  
342 ACCIDENT DO NOT DICTATE OTHERWISE BY 28 FEB.

END OF MESSAGE

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